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OUR WORK.

THE following books have been recommended to mothers: *Hints on Child Training*, by H. C. Trumbull (Hodder & Stoughton); *Lectures on the Linguistic Method*, by Professor Laurie (published by Cambridge University Press); *The Mother's Book*, by Mrs. Child; *Common Sense in the Nursery*, by Marian Harland; *Roger Ascham's Schoolmaster* (Cassell's National Library); *Student's Pestalozzi*, by J. Russell (Swan Sonnenschein & Co.); *Art of Training*, by Rev. J. T. Walters (published by Jarrold). The last is a book for cottagers, but contains a charming chapter on the upbringing of children for mothers of all classes to read.

House of Education.—An interesting function in connection with this institution was held at Ambleside on June 20th. The principal families in the neighbourhood were invited to meet the Bishop of Carlisle and Mrs. Bardsley, and a large number availed themselves of the invitation. After tea, Colonel Withers took the chair. The students then examined one another on the principles of character training and on the best methods of overcoming bad habits. The visitors were greatly interested in hearing one student conduct a class showing, with illustrations, how to teach French to children of various ages by means of songs, games, recitations, and reading.

An exhibition of Swedish drill followed; then pretty ball exercises and Kindergarten games.

Another student told a tale with such effect to a group of children that they quite forgot the presence of a large company and listened most attentively.

Foot, head, and arm bandaging followed, and the making of poultices, the little patients walking round to exhibit the result, and winning great praise from the Bishop and Mrs. Bardsley. The power the students showed in examining each other proved their fitness to teach pupils of an advanced age, while many of their subjects would delight little children.

The Bishop remarked that the Institution supplied a great need; that in his young days there were no trained governesses who understood the importance of the cultivation of good habits and character-training. He was much interested in the Swedish Drill, and said that the rhythmic grace of movement was vastly superior to the ungraceful actions seen in many ordinary games.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to his Lordship, Colonel Withers, and Miss Mason.

The students had the privilege of attending the courses of lectures given at Bowness (June 27th to July 2nd) in connection with the National Home Reading Union. The lectures on the Geology of the Lake District were

given by J. E. Marr, M.A., Fellow of St. John's College, and University Lecturer in Geology; and those on Botany by George Massee, Esq., London University Extension Lecturer. Lectures on Field Geology and Botany were also given during the excursions to Grasmere, Kirkstone Pass, and Red Screes. The Rev. Dr. Bailey, M.A., F.S.A., Oxford Extension Staff Lecturer, also interested his audience most deeply by his lectures on Coleridge, Southey, and Wordsworth, formerly called "The Lake Poets." W. G. Collingwood, Esq., M.A., Staff Lecturer Oxford University Extension, also charmed his audience by his humorous and original remarks on the Art of the Lake District. Most of these gentlemen have since been kind enough to send Examination Papers on their special subjects to the students at the House of Education.

Dr. Hill, Master of Downing College, remarked, when standing upon Red Screes, that never before had the surrounding country appeared to him so interesting as during the demonstration by his friend Mr. Marr.

Parents' Review.—We would like again to remind our readers that the life of the *Parents' Review* rests in their hands. Letters received every morning testify to the great good it is accomplishing. Mothers are beginning to feel that motherhood is a profession, and that they must prepare themselves by study and reflection for their great work of rightly bringing up the children committed to their charge. If every present subscriber would tell her friends of the help the *Parents' Review* has been to her and so gain new subscribers, our future would be secured. It is one of our higher duties to keep nothing that is helpful entirely to ourselves, and the gratitude of those who are helped is a sufficient compensation for any little trouble we may have taken in bringing to their notice a magazine which has the highest interests of parents and their children at heart.

Governesses.—The demand for superior governesses, highly educated women who have undergone training at the House of Education, is now urgent, and the salaries offered for these are high—£90, £100, &c. Will more really well-educated ladies enter on training?